उत्तर प्रदेश में नई चीनी मिलों के लिये जारी किये गए लाइसेंस

2127. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में 1993–94 सत्र के दौरान नई चीनी मिलों को खोलने के लिए कितने लाइसेंस जारी किए गए हैं अथवा किये जाने की संभावना है ;

(ख) उनमें से सहकारिता निजी और सरकारी क्षेत्रों के लिए कितने-कितने लाइसेंस दिये जायेंग और उनका श्रेणी-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) नई चीनी मिलें किन-किन स्थानों पर लगायी जायेंगी ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) से (ग) नई चीनी मिलें स्थापित करने के लिए आशय-पत्र उद्योग मंत्रालय द्वारा परियोजनाओं की आर्थिक तथा तकनीकी व्यवहार्यता और लाइसेंस नीति संबंधी मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांतों को ध्यान में रखते हुए जांच समिति लाइसेंस समिति की सिफारिशों के आधार पर जारी किए जाते हैं। इसे ध्यान में रखते हुए उत्तर प्रदेश में 1993–94 मौसम के दौरान लाइसेंस दी जाने वाली नई चीनी मिलों की सही संख्या का पता उद्योग मंत्रालय द्वारा आशय-पत्र जारी करने के बाद ही लग पाएगा।

Complaints received by director (Public Grievances)

2128. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints were received by Director (Public Grievances) Ministry of Food, dusing the current year so far;

(b) what action was taken on such complaints;

(c) what is the reason for such a low outturn of complaints;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the public is not aware of such an office of Director Public Grievances; and

(e) what steps would be taken to publicise this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) From 1.1.93 to 31.10.93, Director (Public Grievances) Ministry of Food received 47 public complaints/grievances from the public which mainly related to service matters with the Food Corporation of India and the Central Warehousing Corporation. All such complaints/grievances were sent to the authorities concerned for redressal.

(c) to (e) The Ministry has taken appropriate steps to publicise the office of Director (Public Grievances) such as incorporation of the name of Director (Public Grievances) in the Delhi Telephone Directory as well as in the Internal Telephone Directory for the convenience of the general public. A Grievances Box is also placed at an easily accessible placed near the main entrance gate of the Ministry at Krishi Bhawan for receiving grievances and complaints from members of the public.

Foodgrains Damaged in the godowns

2129. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount and value of foodgrains damaged in godowns during 1993;

(b) what is the reason for such damage; and

(c) what is being done to prevent such damage in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the 7 months period of April 93 to October 93, a total quantity of 4811 MTs of foodgrains was categorised as damaged in FCI godowns out of an average stock holding of 158.57 lakh tonnes. The quantity found to be damaged works out 0.003 per cent. The value of damaged stocks amounted to Rs. 1.94 crores.

(b) Damages to foodgrains occur due to unprecedented natural causes like excessive/unprecedented rains, floods, cyclone etc.

(c) In the past, the experience has been that the damage to foodgrains in the FCI apart from the natural causes, was mostly due to rains and leakages in godowns. The repairs and periodical maintenance of godowns are promptly undertaken and efforts are made to unload the stocks in the covered accommodation to avoid any damage during rainy season. During the monsoon season, the stocks are moved only in selected covered wagons. In addition, the following steps are taken to prevent any damage:

(i) To construct more godowns on scientific lines which are rodent and damp proof.

(ii) Quick movement of stocks to safer place.

(iii) Creation of more storage space for storage of grains in safer places.

(iv) Evacuation of grains stored in temporary plinths to safer and nearby areas.

(v) Qualified and technically trained staff are deployed for periodical inspection, preservation and proper upkeep of foodgrains.

(vi) Preservation including fortnightly prophylactic treatment and also timely curative treatment to arrest pest infestation.

(vii) Aeration and ventilation of stocks is done one all working d during fair weather to avoid deteri tion and infestation of the stored fc grains.

(viii) Monthly priority programm made in each depot to issue foodgr mostly on the basis of quality reta and as far as possible the principl 'first in first out' is adhered to.

FAO's Prediction regarding India's S Production

2130. SHRI KAMAL MORAR Will the Minister of FOOD be please state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FAO predicted an increase in Indian's s production during 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what target has been fixed by (ernment for the production of sugar;

(d) what is the likely production

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI K. NATH RAI): (a) and (b) As per F latest available journal for he montl October, 1993 it has been indicated tl in that India's production will also inc following the implementation by th vernment of measures to improve financial condition of mills. There i specific mention about the likely pro tion during 1993-94.

(c) The Committee constituted to mulate development programme for s industry for 8th Five Year Plan has the target of sugar production for sugar year 1993-94 at 127.6 lakh to

(d) A meeting of State Secretarie charge of Sugar/Sugarcane was held 3-9-1993 in Krishi Bhavan and it wa sessed therein that the total sugar pro tion during 1993-94 season is likely t around 107 lakh tonnes.